

Trinity Episcopal Church
Minutes of the Vestry Meeting
Monday, June 1, 2009

Present: Ellen Tracy (Senior Warden), Margaret Bearse, Dave Edington, Nancy Kelley, Debbie Pitts, Garth Myers, Joan Ring, Micah Seybold, Marty Smith, Kent Tomlinson, Fr. Paul McLain (Curate), Matt Lord (Treasurer), Maria Thompson (Clerk)

Call to Order and Opening Prayer

The meeting was called to order by Ellen at 7:00 p.m. Fr. Paul led a prayer to open the meeting.

Declaration of Quorum

A count was taken and a quorum declared.

Church Finances

Matt had sent an e-mail to all vestry members asking that our accounts be moved from Central National Bank to Landmark Bank. There was discussion about whether this would constitute a conflict of interest, since Matt is an officer at Landmark.

Matt discussed reasons why it would not be a conflict of interest:

1. Our books are audited by an outside accountant every year.
2. Terry, our new accountant, will be handling all of our bookkeeping.

In addition, Matt noted that the move will save us money:

1. Landmark will not charge any monthly fees
2. We wouldn't have to pay Terry for time spent at the bank, since Matt would be able to handle anything that might require access to bank records.

Matt will discuss this issue with someone from the diocese and it will be further considered at the next vestry meeting.

Profile and Search Committees

Ellen presented the names of the people who accepted assignments to the profile and search committees.

Transition Chair: Jerry Hare (will chair both committees)

Profile Committee: Jennifer Sanner (co-chair), Debbie Pitts, Susan Tate, Dave Edington, Bill McGillivray, Bruce Roberts, Pat Kehde, John Emerson

Search Committee: Janine Cox (co-chair), Debbie Pitts, Susan Tate, Dave Edington, Bill McGillivray, Bruce Roberts, Ann Patterson, Sandra Wiechert

Interim Rector Candidate Visit

The person suggested by the bishop for the interim position is scheduled to come to Lawrence to be interviewed over the weekend of June 26-28. He will be staying at the Eldridge Hotel. The schedule for the weekend will be discussed at the next vestry meeting.

Search Budget

Ellen handed out worksheets to be used in developing a budget for the search.

Margaret made a motion to accept the budget outline, with two changes: 1) given the date of the worksheets (1991), the amounts are obsolete and should all be increased by 30%; 2) we will not use a consultant, so will not have to take that expense into consideration. Joan seconded. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

The budget for the search is set at \$22,000, with the understanding that more can be requested by the search committee if needed. The expectation is that the total will not pass \$25,000.

Garth made a motion to use the figures outlined for bringing a candidate to town, plus 30%, as a guide for determining the budget for the interim search. Dave seconded. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

The budget for the interim search is set at \$1,570.

Charge to the Committees

Ellen presented a draft of the charge to the profile and search committees.

A motion was made to accept the charge to the committees, with changes as discussed. There was a second. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Ellen will incorporate the suggested changes and present the final version of the charge at the next vestry meeting.

Executive Session

The vestry went into executive session to discuss some issues regarding the search committee.

The next vestry meeting will be on Monday, June 15, at 7:00 p.m. This is our “regular” vestry meeting for June.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Maria Thompson, Clerk